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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, \$1,000,000 Dollars.

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Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.—
For Fixed Deposits.—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drugs, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,
(Incorporated 7th of 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, \$3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Béziers,
PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be fixed at application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$800,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong

grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent.

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BEG to announce that they have added to their Business A PIANO TUNING and REPAIRING DEPARTMENT, under the Superintendence of Mr. DOUGLAS DALE, who has been sent to them by Messrs. JOHN BROADWOOD & Sons of London; they are now prepared to receive Orders which shall be carefully and efficiently attended to.

THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR SALE, EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DRAB SHELL HATS for the RACES. Waterproof COATS. Automaton UMBRELLAS. Latest NOVELTIES in SCARFS. TURKISH TOWELS.

SHIRTS with COLLARS attached. Bath BLANKETS. New Meerschaum PIPES. Cope's Golden Cloud TOBACCO.

French KID GLOVES, 2 Buttons. Persian Cigarette TOBACCO.

Single and Double SOLE BOOTS. BIRDS' EYE and Gold Leaf TOBACCO.

Gan's French SHOES. Jeffrey Tennis BATS, BALLS and PRESSES.

Playing CARDS. White MARKERS. Electro-plated TELESCOPES. Maltese CIGARETTES.

Carriage LAMPS, Billiard BALLS.

QUOITS, VALISES. Iron and Brass BEDSTEADS.

The New Wire Spring MATTRESSES. COIR DOOR MATS.

Spirit FLASKS. Household SCALERS. Merino and Cashmere SOCKS, and UNDERSHIRTS.

Royal Irish Constabulary REVOLVERS. Foster's Celebrated Bottled ALE and STOUT.

SACCOON'S SHERRIES.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

Intimations.

THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1865, AND THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1877.

CAPITAL, \$500,000, DIVIDED INTO 5,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

General Agents.

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

Directors.

WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, Esq. J. A. DOS REMEDIOS, Esq. KWOK ACEHONG, Esq. C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq.

Bankers.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

Solicitors.

Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Proprietors of the Cosmopolitan Dock, their Dock and the Ground and Premises belonging thereto, with the Plant, Machinery, and Stock-in-Trade of the parties aforesaid, and of carrying on the Business of Shipwrights and Engineers in the Colony of Hongkong. For this purpose an absolute Assignment dated the 31st day of January, 1880, has been entered into by Messrs. WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, FRANK BLACKWELL FORBES, SAMUEL WYLINS POMEROY, Junior, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, Junio, FREDERICK DELANO HITCH, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, Merchants, trading as RUSSELL & Co., as Trustees of WILLIAM BOLTON SPROATT, ANDREW JOHNSTON, and NELSON SPROATT, the owners of the said Cosmopolitan Dock, with Messrs. KWOK ACEHONG, WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, and JOSE ANTONIO DOS REMEDIOS, Directors of the said Company, for the purchase of all the premises mentioned, without further confirmation, for the price or sum of \$500,000, subject to the condition that if the Stock-in-Trade consisting of Wood and Iron be not valued by a competent valuator at a sum less not than \$100,000, the said sum of \$500,000 shall abate accordingly.

The Cosmopolitan Dock is of sufficient dimensions to dock the largest Vessels afloat; and the Plant and Machinery belonging thereto are now in perfect order.

The Business of Building, Docking, Making, and Repairing Vessels is in full operation, so that the Company can at once enter upon active business, which it is expected will be highly remunerative.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Board of Directors.

About Four Thousand Shares have been already taken up, and it is intended that the Capital will be called up as follows:

\$75 per share on allotment.

\$25 per share on the 1st day of May, 1880.

All unpaid Capital after that date shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

Application for Shares, which shall be in the annexed form, will be received by the Agents, up to the 15th day of April, 1880.

By Order,

Intimations.

NOTICE.

(By Order of the Executors of the Late HOD. C. MAY.)

TWO Handsome Massive SILVER CENTRE PIECES and One SILVER SALVER, now on view at Messrs. G. FALCONER & Co., from whom Particulars of Price, &c., can be obtained. The same will be Sold a BARGAIN.

LINSTEAD & Co., LINSTEAD & Co., fe13

FOR SALE.

THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOOD WILL of the well-known and prosperous Business at present Carried on by Mr. ANDREW WOHLERS at

THE BRITISH HOTEL.

FULL PARTICULARS will be given on Application.

Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, \$16 per 1 doz. Case, Pints, \$17 per 1 doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX: Quarts, \$16 per 1 doz. Case, Pints, \$18 per 1 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

TO LET.

TO BE LET, on Lease for BUILDING, a PICE OF GROUND, containing about 10,000 Square Feet, at SPRING GARDEN, on Island Lot No. 199, commanding a good view of the harbour.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 29, 1880.

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1880 is Posted at the STREETS OF COURT HOUSE for Inspection. Notices of INACCURACIES, OMISSIONS, OBJECTIONS, &c., must be given to the REGISTRAR on or before MONDAY, the 16th day of February, A.D. 1880, in accordance with the Provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. II of 1884.

It is further noticed that no Person whose Name is on the List as a JUROR will be excused from Service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification unless such exemption shall have been claimed and established, or such want of qualification duly proved, at or before the time above specified.

C. B. PLUNKET,

Registrar.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be Held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, CLUB CHAMBERS, on WEDNESDAY, February 18th, 1880, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1879.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

HAVE JUST LANDED FROM THE AMERICAN MAIL.

THE following STORES, in Excellent Condition:

Fresh Roll BUTTER.

Finest Comb HONEY, in Frame.

Do. Do., in Bottles.

Fresh APPLES.

Dried Sliced Datto.

Boneless CODFISH.

George Bank Do.

Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.

Mild California Do.

Smoked SALMON.

Family Meats BEEF, in 25 lbs. kegs.

Oregon Pickled OX TONGUES, very fine.

Family PORK, in 25 lbs. kegs.

American HAM.

Do. BACON.

CORNMEAL HOMINY, CRACKED WHEAT.

OATMEAL, RYE, FLOUR, BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS.

Table FRUITS, Bartlett PEARS, APRICOTS, PEACHES.

Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS, APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.

OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON, OILAMS.

PINA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL NUTS.

CREAM OF TARTAR, SALERATUS.

Merritt's Eastern CIDER.

WINSTOW's Celebrated GREEN CORN.

LIMA BEANS, SUCCATASH, SUGAR PEAS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.

ALPHABET BISCUITS.

OYSTER BISCUITS.

WAFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

EX S.S. "GLENFIRLIES," and Late Arrivals.

SMYRNA FIGS.

Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.

JORDAN ALMONDS.

Cooling and Table PRUNES.

Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.

Candied PEEL.

MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.

VAN HOUTEN's COCOA.

CARAWAY SEEDS.

SCHWEITZER's COCOATINA.

HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.

WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.

GAME PIES.

Potted MEATS.

Prime Yorkshire HAMS.

Prime Wiltshire BACON in Tins & Canvas.

OX-TONGUES in JELLY.

TRUFFLES.

Champagne, &c.

HEIDSIEK & Co.'s MONOPOLY, Pints and Quarts.

ADOLPE COLLIN's BOUZY CABINET.

MUMM's (JULES) CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.

NEYER's (BODER) BOUZY, Pints and Quarts.

CHARLES HEIDSIEK's WHITE SEAL, Pints and Quarts.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN, Pints and Quarts.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s VERZENAY MOUSSEUX, Pints and Quarts.

KRUG's CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.

PERRIER JOUET in Quarts.

Claret.

THIRGEUP (CHATEAU), Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LA LAROSE (Cuvier & Aper's), Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, Pints and Quarts.

IRES GRAVES, Pints and Quarts.

BREAKFAST CLARET, Pints & Quarts.

OLD INVALID CLARET.

St. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.

Chambord, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch, Hockheimer, Niersteiner, Steinberger Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konigria Victoria Berg, Chateau Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut Sauterne, Marsala, Saccone's Pale Dry White Seal.

Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado, Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Company's Sherry, Invalid Port (1849), Hunt's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.

1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La Grande Marque Brandy, Cutler Palmer & Co.'s Brandy, Ruyer Guille & Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;

Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recommended, Klinahan's LL Irish Whisky, Jamison's Irish Whisky, Royal Glendine Whisky;

AVH Gin, Spraine Board & Co.'s Old Tom Gin; La Grande Chartreuse, Green and Yellow, Martini & Rossi, Cognac, Piat & Qis; Angostura Bitters, Boker's and Orange Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAWYERS, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BRAKE, Pints and Quarts.

PILSNER BEER, in Quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

HEINZELBACH BEER.

BUDWEISER BEER.

BOCA BEER.

ABSON ALE.

BRAZ MILWAUKEE BEER.

ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Hhds. and Kilderkins).

Ships' STORES of every description.

Hemp and Cotton CANVAS.

Russian, Manila, and Wire ROPE.

SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING promptly executed.

Specially Selected CIGARS.

Princess CHEROQUETS.

Cavite CHEROQUETS.

Princess CIGARS.

Cavite CIGARS.

Acorcas CIGARS.

Vigorous CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Portia CIGARS in Boxes of 100.

Choice No. 3 Melis CHEROQUETS.

Choice No. 3 Portia CIGARS.

New Season's PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, January 12, 1880.

Mails.

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S.S. "NIIGATA MARU," Captain WALKER, due here on or about the 2nd February, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 7th Feb., at Day-light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 6th February.

No Bill of Lading signed under 32 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE, Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.

, YOKOHAMA & Do. \$75. Do. \$20.

NAGASAKI & Do. \$100. Do. \$25.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN PASSAGE.

Cargo and Passengers for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, No. 6, Queen's ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, January 24, 1880. feb7

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and touching AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BARING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

FULLAITON HENDERSON, Esq., Agent, 8, St. Michael's Alley, Chinhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1870. feb8

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-

UMULATION, 25th Feby., 1870. Do. 866,370

April, 1870. Do. 866,370

Director.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

M. W. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MAYERLINK, Esq.

C. LUCAS, Esq., S. D. WEBB, Esq.

Through PASSAGE.

Subject to a charge of 1% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. feb8

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports: of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871. feb7

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

AMPHON, AND THE BAY OF BOMBAY;

ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship GEELONG, Captain E. STEWART, will leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 11th February, at 11 p.m.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay, and then transhipped, arriving one week later by direct route. Silk and Vials will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 30, 1880. feb12

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurance as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued at current rates of

current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding

£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agent for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERIS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL £2,00,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$15,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 17, 1880. feb25

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant

conversation about it 10 days afterwards when it was agreed that Leung A-tsit should have the girl for \$23 already owing and \$2 which was to be paid to my wife, Chan-sho as tea-money, it was further arranged that Leung A-tsit was not to sell the girl but get her a husband when she was old enough to marry. On the 5th October, 1877, Leung A-tsit brought me the \$2, when I and my wife handed him over our daughter and he took her away. No paper was drawn up or signed at any time. My wife occasionally visited the child at Leung A-tsit's house and found her comfortable and well-looked after.

One day last May, 1878, a man named A-sin, employed as a barbers in Leung A-tsit's shop, passed by my house during my absence and told my wife that Leung A-tsit was going to take the girl away, this was told to me on my return from work and I then sent to Leung A-tsit and made enquiries. Leung A-tsit informed me that he thought it was best to send the girl away, as he did not care where, in consequence of the disturbed state of Hong-kong, owing to the war between England and Russia. I told the shopkeeper about it, but after making some enquiries they did not further interfere.

I then petitioned the Registrar General who told me not to lay my case before the Colonial Secretary, which I did. I have no evidence as to any intention on the part of Leung A-tsit to sell the child except what was said by A-sin. The girl has not been sent away yet. I do not much care about the child coming back as I am very poor, but my wife is very anxious that she should return for she does not like the thought of her being sent away. If she comes back to us, I will do all I can to support her and to get her hot-roasted by and by when I shall probably be able to pay back what I owe to Leung A-tsit.

My wife is very busy attending to my old mother and working for the daily rice, so that it would be very difficult for her to come over and give evidence.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1878.

The above case and the official remarks, minutes and opinions may fairly be regarded as the basis, or at least the beginning, of the recent agitation regarding the alleged abuses of domestic servitude in the Colony. It must be admitted that the credit of having opened up the question belongs as much to the Executive as to the Judicial Department, although latterly the Chief Justice appears to have assumed the position formerly taken up by Mr. Hennessy, His Excellency having since decided it advisable practically to acknowledge the wisdom of the policy recommended by Mr. Phillips.

Over a dozen documents which follow those above referred to give particulars of a movement, to which we have more than once alluded, by which a number of enterprising Chinese residents sought to aid in the suppression of kidnapping. The first—a "Memorial of Chinese Merchants, &c., praying to be allowed to form an association for suppressing kidnapping and traffic in human beings"—sets forth the increase in the crimes aimed at, especially in the Tung-kwan district ("boys being sold to become adopted children" and "girls to be trained for prostitution"), and the great desirability of taking steps to check such practices carried on by wicked "go-betweens and old women who have houses for the detention of kidnapped people." They suggest the offer of rewards, and the employment of detectives, for this purpose, and ask the sanction and co-operation of the Government in this laudable endeavour. In an enclosure accompanying the memorial, the peculiar facilities furnished by the port of Hongkong for such crooked ways from its central position and the personal freedom found under its laws, are pointed out, and the intention of the memorialists to raise a subscription to carry out their desires is duly noted. Upon the suggestion or order of His Excellency—who characterised this scheme as "a very praiseworthy desire on the part of the native merchants and residents"—a Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Francis and Creagh (Police Magistrates), Captain Deane, and Dr. Eitel, to draw up a scheme for the Governor's approval. Mr. Francis, who was Chairman of the Committee, prepared the following scheme "for the organisation of the proposed Chinese Society for the protection of women and children":

1. That the Promoters form themselves into a Company under "The Companies Ordinance, 1865." Any seven persons associated together for any lawful purpose can do this. It need not necessarily be for any trading or manufacturing purpose.

2. All subscribers of ten dollars to the funds of the Association should be members thereof, with power to vote, &c., but should not be liable for any further subscriptions or for any contribution during the existence of the Society, but, in the event of the Company's being wound up and money being needed to pay off any liabilities, all existing members ought to become liable to pay a further sum of ten dollars each.

(a.) This would be a Society or Company limited by guarantee.

(b.) The advantages of forming a company are manifold. The association would thus obtain—

- Corporate existence and definite legal status.
- Perpetual succession.
- A common seal.
- and with this more prompt and decided recognition from the Government and the public.

3. That the objects of the Society should be the protection of women and children generally.

1. By labouring for the suppression and detection of kidnapping and kidnapping.

2. By undertaking the restoration to their homes of all women and children decoyed or kidnapped into the Colony for purposes of prostitution, emigration or slavery.

3. By providing for the maintenance and support of women and children pending investigation and restoration to their homes.

4. By undertaking to marry or set out in life women and children who could not safely be returned to their homes or families.

The establishment of a Refuge for homeless women and children.

The raising of funds for all or any of these purposes.

The propagation by books, fly-sheets, &c., of a knowledge of the English law on the subject of kidnapping and slavery among the Chinese here and on the mainland.

4. That the Society be managed by a Committee of seven members. The first members to be the signers of the memorandum of association. Two to retire annually

and their places to be filled by election by the votes of the shareholders.

5. That the Governor have a veto on the election of any member.

6. That the proceedings of the Committee be regularly recorded in detail and be always open to inspection of the Government.

7. That annual accounts be furnished to the Government.

The maximum record of the thermometer at the Harbour Master's office during the week ending Jan. 30th was 70 attained on Friday, and the minimum 49 on Tuesday. The maximum and minimum records at the Peak were respectively 61 on Friday and 37 on Tuesday.

INFORMATION received from Commodore Smith, R.N., is published in the *Gazette*, that the morning gun from the Senior British Naval Officer's ship at this port is fired at 5 a.m. from 1st April to 30th September, and at 5.30 a.m. from 1st October to Stat March.

THERE are five Sundays in the present month, and five Sundays in February come rarely. This can only happen when the New Year comes in on a Thursday and it is leap year as well. It last happened in 1862, and comes about next in 1908 reckoning 28 years each way. Queen Victoria's Accession, Washington's birthday, the Glorious Fourth and Thanksgiving Day all fall on Sundays this year.

ABOUT half-past ten last night an attack was made by a party of seven or eight men, on Chinese quarters at Tsim Sha Tsui, occupied by a gardener in the employ of Mr. J. H. Cox, the only occupant of the place at the time was the gardener, a man about 28 years of age, and he offered what resistance he could to such odds, at the same time calling loudly for help. No assistance, however, came, and in trying to defend his property he received four wounds, on the head, the left arm, and the left hand and a spear wound in the left side. The wounds are all slight and the man is in no danger. He was sent to the Civil Hospital and is doing well. No arrest is reported as yet.

A REPORT by the Captain Superintendent of Police, dated 23rd January, and embodying the Criminal Statistics for 1879 appears in the *Gazette* of yesterday's date. The tables show that 6,129 cases were reported to the Police during the past year, being a decrease of 706, or 10.32 per cent from the returns of 1878. In the subdivision of these cases into serious crimes (so-called), as Captain Deane carefully guards the expression) a decrease of 214 cases or 8.19 per cent is found; in the sub-division of minor offences there is a decrease of 492 cases or 11.64 per cent. In these 6,129 cases there were concerned 7,409 persons, of whom 6,026 were convicted. Of the number convicted 498 were Europeans or Americans, 59 Indians, and 5,469 Chinese. We shall return to the figures, to test what light they throw on the progress or diminution of crime in the Colony.

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1. That the Promoters form themselves into a Company under "The Companies Ordinance, 1865." Any seven persons associated together for any lawful purpose can do this. It need not necessarily be for any trading or manufacturing purpose.

2. All subscribers of ten dollars to the funds of the Association should be members thereof, with power to vote, &c., but should not be liable for any further subscriptions or for any contribution during the existence of the Society, but, in the event of the Company's being wound up and money being needed to pay off any liabilities, all existing members ought to become liable to pay a further sum of ten dollars each.

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(b.) The advantages of forming a company are manifold. The association would thus obtain—

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2. By undertaking the restoration to their homes of all women and children decoyed or kidnapped into the Colony for purposes of prostitution, emigration or slavery.

3. By providing for the maintenance and support of women and children pending investigation and restoration to their homes.

4. By undertaking to marry or set out in life women and children who could not safely be returned to their homes or families.

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9. That all rewards be paid by Government out of Government Funds under existing regulations, upon the recommendation of a Judge or Magistrate.

There are many other points that would have to be considered and provided for, but here is, I think, a framework upon which all else needed could be built. An association that constituted would have a position and standing before the Government and the public which would entitle it to great consideration and liberal support.

The Government would have a substantial entity to deal with, solid guarantees against the abuse of any powers it might confer, and legalized means of contracting and directing.

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Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

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Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China & Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed at late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information rendering some such chasm of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *Shu King*, by the Rev. E. J. Ette, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese post-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-po, by Mr. E. O. Bowra, not only historically valuable, but also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zest to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

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Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
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6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.

Anchor.

Age.

Captain.

Flag and Rig.

Tons.

Date of Arrival.

Consignees or Agents.

Destination.

Remarks.

Steamers

Adria

Bellona

Bombay

Breconshire

Chinakang

City of Tokio

Douglas

Emu

Emeralda

Fame

Glenfield

Glenlyon

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Koumure Castle

Malacca

Niigata Maru

Norma

Olympia

Paladin

Penedo

Sea Gull

Thales

Yottung

Sailing Vessels

Aldon Bessie

Alice Reed

Bonita

Brunette

Busa Caso

Carl

Charlotte

Chelmsford

Colling

Coloma

Duke of Abercorn

Emma

Empire

Gland

Glandnorw

Holland N. Bangs

Haydn Brown

Hazel Holme

Hecla

Hermine

Highlander

John Nicholson

Lady Aberdour

Leckie

Malib

Mabel

Middlesex

Walsh

Minnie Carville

Morning Star

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Parnass

Putney

Peter

Prince Frederick

Roderick Hay

Rocky

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